

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 37-39 and add new Claims 40-51 as follows:

37. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a main body configured to accommodate ~~for accommodating~~ toner;

an opening, provided in said main body, configured and positioned to permit for ~~permitting~~ discharge of the toner;

a capping member configured and positioned to cap ~~for capping~~ said opening;

and

~~an engaging~~ a sliding member slidably movable relative to said capping member to open and close said opening by relative movement of said capping member relative to said main body,

wherein when said opening is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, an engagement between said capping member and said ~~engaging~~ sliding member is maintained, and said sliding member is slidably movable relative to said capping member from a state in which said opening is opened to a state in which said opening is closed by relative movement of said capping member.

38. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 37, wherein said capping member is provided with a hole fitted by a shaft of said ~~engaging member~~ sliding member for sliding relative to the shaft, and when said opening is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, the hole is fitted around the shaft.

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39. (Currently Amended) A toner supply container according to Claim 37 or 38, wherein said ~~engaging portion~~ sliding member is provided with a feeding portion configured and positioned to feed ~~for feeding~~ the toner in said main body toward said opening.

40. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 39, wherein said sliding member is projected out through said opening.

41. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 37, wherein said sliding member constitutes an inner wall portion of said main body adjacent an end portion which is opposite an end portion where said opening is provided.

42. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 41, wherein said capping member is provided with a feeding portion for feeding the toner in said main body toward said opening, and wherein said capping member is rotatably supported by said inner wall portion.

43. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 37, wherein said capping member is provided with a shaft fitted by a hole of said sliding member for sliding relative to the hole, and when said opening is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, the shaft is fitted in the hole.

44. (Newly Added) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a toner container configured to accommodate toner, said toner container having a discharge opening, at one end of said toner container, for permitting discharge of the toner;

a feeding member configured and positioned to feed the toner in said toner container toward said discharge opening, said feeding member being supported at an end thereof opposite from said one end of said toner container so as to maintain a rotational center of said feeding member;

a cap rotatable integrally with said feeding member, wherein said cap is configured and positioned to seal said discharge opening, said cap being movable relative to said toner container in a direction of an axis of said feeding member to open and close said discharge opening,

wherein said cap is provided with a coupling portion configured and positioned to receive a rotational driving force from a main assembly of the apparatus, and is supportable by the main assembly so as to maintain a rotational center thereof; and

a sliding portion configured and positioned to permit movement of said cap in the direction of the axis of said feeding member to open and close said cap so that opposite end portions of said feeding member are substantially supported when said cap is at an open position and at a closing position.

45. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said cap is slidable relative to said feeding member.

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46. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 45, further comprising a rotational force transmitting portion configured and positioned to transmit a rotational driving force from the main assembly of the apparatus to said feeding member when said discharge opening is opened.

47. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said feeding member is projected out through said discharge opening.

48. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said cap is integral with said feeding member and is slidable relative to said toner container.

49. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, further comprising a moving force receiving portion, provided on an outer bottom surface of said toner container, and configured and positioned to receive a force for moving said toner container relative to said cap.

50. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said discharge opening is adapted to be sealed and unsealed, and wherein an end portion of said feeding member adjacent said discharge opening is non-rotatably supported by said toner container through said cap before said discharge opening is unsealed.

51. (Newly Added) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said toner supply container is mountable to and demountable from the main assembly of said apparatus in a feeding direction of said feeding member, wherein said cap is disposed at a leading end with respect to a mounting direction in which said toner supply container is mountable to and demountable from the main assembly of said apparatus.

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